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with that, but I hope people will take a serious look at this whole area. And, Senator Schimek, let me finish by asking you...Senator Schimek, let me finish by asking you...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...what your intent is. Do you intend for this green copy of the bill and for the whistle-blower act generally to apply to the constitutional offices?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator, I don't...I don't have a predisposed notion on this because I'm as much in the dark as you are. We're not...we're not...we're not changing existing statute in that respect. And, you know, I was thinking to myself, and this is a good conversation to have, but by exempting the Governor from these statutes it leads you to believe that we have the authority also to include the Governor under these statutes and, therefore, all the other constitutional offices. But I don't know if anybody has ever challenged that either,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...you know? I don't know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It would appear that the original intent was clearly to include them by virtue of that...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Of this?

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...by virtue of the example you just gave.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I would say the...yes, that would be, except for the Governor.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right. So, I mean, you...I don't know how to resolve this issue for sure, other than having it go before the courts and having them tell us what is acceptable. Because...